Title: The Golden Lamp Stand

Text: Exodus 25:31

We need the fullness of God’s Love.With the righteousness of God.

Exodus 25:31—*And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.*

There is a beating process.

We are not born into the Body of Christ, but baptized in the Body of Christ.

We need not only to be saved, but to be filled with the Spirit.

Love to most is a feeling and emotion. The Holy Ghost will not dwell in an unclean temple. If we want the anointing, we will find it only through holiness.

The Golden Lamp stand (Candlestick)

The Church is to be the Light of the World with God in the midst.

Ps 82:1 God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods.

🡪*gods* with a little “g.” Leaders, those in authority, those set to JUDGE, God is watching that we judge righteously.

Ps 48:9 *We have thought of thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.*

*🡪*To have his love I must have righteousness and for righteousness faith.

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Eze 28:2 *Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:*

Zep 3:17 *The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.*

Mat. 5:13 -16

1Ti 6:11 *But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.*

Eph 5:9 *(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)*

Heb 12:11 *Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.*

Jas 3:18 *And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.*

1. The light has a threefold purpose in being not just doing
   1. It shined unto God
   2. It shined unto the other the furniture
   3. It shined unto itself
2. The Ingredience of the Holy Anointing Oil—The Power and influence of the Holy Ghost
   1. Principal Spices
      1. Myrrh—Faith
      2. Cinnamon—Gentleness
      3. Calamus—Longsuffering
      4. Cassia— **Righteousness unto Holiness**

**If a person is operating in the Holy Spirit there is going to be evidence of Holiness. NOT** in the Spirit **(**evidence of worldliness)

His little Bride is going to come to that place of not having the stench

of the flesh, but having that sweet, beautiful fragrance.

* + 1. Olive Oil—Anointing

Ex 30:22 Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

23 Take thou also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty shekels, 24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:

25 And thou shalt make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. 26 And thou shalt anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, 27 And the table and all his vessels, and the candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense, 28 And the altar of burnt offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. 29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. 30 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office. 31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations. 32 Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. 33 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

1. **Fruit of the Spirit**

**Love**(camphire)-strong fragrance, beautiful; live and eat in love, pure love **Joy**(spikenard)real joy-the Joy of the Lord Joy, results living/walking in the Spirit; **Peace** saffron)-peace, fragrant and balm-healing, ointment to soothe, spice to eat in peace-Peaceful attitude-some would starve to death;

**Longsuffering** (calamus) sweet smelling, longsuffering

**Gentleness** (cinnamon)-gentleness a fragrant wood **Goodness**(frankincense)-goodness, fragrant gum substance taken from a bleeding wounded tree all night time, when burning it gave off its strongest smell.

**Faith—**Myrrh, beautiful fragrance and bitter taste, faith grows under pressure

**Meekness—** aloes, meekness, to be meek you got to be dead to sin, self and world **Temperance—**“with all the chief spices” temperance

Ex 25:31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches, his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same.

1. **The Lampstand** was to be made of pure gold, (hammered out) “of beaten work” as one piece. “**his shaft, and his branches**”
2. **The Lampstand** was to be of one piece of gold: the (base) shaft, branches, bowls, knops, flowers (buds, and blossoms). “**his shaft, and his branches**”

Ex 25:32 And six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side:

1. **The Lampstand** was to have seven branches, Three branches were to be on each side of the “Shaft” (Main branch).

Ex 25:33 Three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three bowls made like almonds in the other branch, with a knop and a flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.

Each of the six branches were to have three bowls shaped like almonds with knops and flowers.

Ex 25:34 And in the candlestick shall be four bowls made like unto almonds, with their knops and their flowers.

**The Lampstand** was to have four similar flower-like bowls, one flower bud under each pair of branches.

Ex 25:35 And there shall be a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.

**The Lampstand** was to have one knop under each pair of branches. All this means that the total number of ornaments was 66. Imagine 66 ornaments on one Lampstand. What beauty and splendor must have attracted the eye of the priest as he entered the Holy Place and saw the burning, glowing, shining flames arising from the seven light holders (six branches and the shaft).

 The Word of God obeyed is the difference between light and darkness. Christ's **life** is called "the light of men" 1:4), His light is said to have shined "in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (vs. 5). The Lord Jesus Christ is called "the Light," (vs. 7,8,9) who "lighteth every man that cometh into the world"

**I. THE PROVISION OF LIGHT**

A. Light is the **powerful** provider Light is energy-pure energy. The greatest natural source of light is the sun. When we eat, we are consuming energy that was once light. Jesus Christ is called "the Sun of righteousness" (Mal. 4:2), B. Light is **powerful** in its speed (186,282 m p s)

**II. THE PARTICULARS OF LIGHT**

1. Light has a dual nature - (waves and particles)
2. CHRIST is GOD and Man.

**III. THE PRINCIPLES OF LIGHT**

Light is that which makes manifest. Obviously, if it were not for light, nothing could be seen. Light shows things for what they really are. Light never lies. If there is a scratch in the paint, light will show it. If there is an imperfection in a diamond, light will manifest it.

1. Light exposes sin for what it is

John3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 2Cor. 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 1John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law**.

1. Light manifests God for Who He is

John 1:18 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. 8:18 I am one that bear witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also.

C. Light develops faith and dissolves fear.

Ac 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 2Ti 1:5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also. 6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**The Ten Burning Lamps of Oil of Gold in the Temple**

1. **The Golden Lampstands**

1Kings 7:49 And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,

2Chron. 4:7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold according to their form, and set them in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left.

20 Moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;

1Chron. 28:19 All this, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even all the works of this pattern.

11 “Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern”

12 And the pattern of all that he had by the spirit…

13 …all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD.

15 Even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight, both for the candlestick, and also for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick.

1. **The Silver Lampstands**

It is the light of the Golden lampstand that shows people how to approach and to worship God in the **Tabernacle.**

It is the light of the Ten Golden Lampstands in the **Temple** that signify Christ coming into the world to give light so that we might know and serve God.

Jesus Christ the only Savior, through the power of the Holy Ghost is able to bring people out of the darkness of sin and death and give them the light of salvation and life

* The Ten Golden Candlesticks show progress of the light of truth, which had grown clearer than it was in Moses’ time.
* The Silver Lampstands are important and a type for Divine truth that is absolutely necessary but serve in a different place and position (*the Priest’s Chambers*) than the Golden Lampstands in the Temple.

Prov. 4:18 But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

2Cor. 4:6 For **God,who commanded the light to shine** out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Men are in spiritual darkness;** and will never view things correctly without being Born again and filled with the Holy Ghost, The Holy Ghost must shine into our minds and give us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ unto good works with fruitfulness.

2Pe 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

1. **The Shikinah Glory** 
   1. The Shikinah Glory is the Presence of God.
   2. The Shikinah Glory was the light for the Holy of Holies in Tabernacle and Temple.

Ex 30:24 And of cassia five hundred shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of oil olive an hin:

Ps 45:8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad.

Eze 27:19 Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in thy fairs: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.

Heb 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Ho 10:1 ¶ Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars; according to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.

Joh 4:36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

Ro 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Ro 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

Le 8:11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot, to sanctify them.

BEATITUDES—FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT—SPICES

Mat. 5:3-11 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Love—Poor in spirit** – Empty out of self, humble, lowly, right estimation of yourself and others.

**Joy—Mourn** – Grieve with conviction, Heartfelt cry, passion for the lost, intercessory prayer.

**Peace—Meek** – Gentle yet strong, strength under control, submissive,mild not wild

**Long suffering-Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness** desire for God truth right

**Gentleness-Merciful** – gracious, kind, tender hearted, loving, compassionate and forgiving.

**Goodness-Pure in heart-**Clean thoughts, Right motives, clear conscience, sinless.

**Faith—Peacemakers –** stop all strife and never be the cause of it.

**Meekness—Persecuted for Righteousness sake**

**Temperance—Reviled, Falsely accused, hated or misjudged, misunderstood**

Song 4:13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; **camphire,** with **spikenard**, 14 **Spikenard** and **saffron**; **calamus** and **cinnamon**, with all trees of **frankincense**; **myrrh** and **aloes**, with **all** the **chief spices**:

We are called to grow up

Planting than Growth—Growth (development) than Fruit—Fruit and Gifts

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POOR IN SPIRIT AND LOVE AND CAMPHIRE

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**Gal. 5:22**—But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**…

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**Poor in Spirit—**(emptied of self) a sense of our insufficiency and nothingness, humble, lowly,

a right estimation of yourself and others.

**Love—** Living, of pure motives to make an everlasting difference.

**Camphire—**(grows very plentifully)

Be emptied out of self, be filled with His love and let His love be reproduced in and through you.

**Camphire** Essential oil from the flowers of camphire or henna plant A shrub growing to a height of between eight and ten feet, and bearing cream-colored and very fragrant flowers. The botanical name of the plant is *Lawsonia alba*. In ancient times it grew very plentifully near En-gedi. It was valued for its perfume. Song 1:14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire in the vineyards of Engedi. Song 4:13 Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; **camphire…**

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* Knowledge Proceeding Love Exceeding—Love Passes Knowledge

Eph. 3:19—*And to know the* ***love*** *of Christ, which passeth* ***knowledge****, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

*Always Remember*

1. This is an expression of the *immensity* of the *love of Christ.*  For the Holy and Righteous God to love a soul that he might be filled with all the fullness of God is a love unheard of and impossible according to human reason, therefore, the love of Christ ***passeth*** *knowledge*.
2. Yet, if a man is to **experience** that same love to the fullness of God working in his heart there must first be knowledge. For every measure of spiritual development there must first be planted a seed of truth.

1Cor. 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, **and have not charity, I am nothing**.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the **poor of this world** rich in faith, and **heirs of the kingdom** which he hath promised to them that love him? Don’t read into things more than what the Lord reveals

1. Christ draws a picture where the Divine blessing rests. Each line emphasizes some distinct spiritual feature; and with every line we should honestly and carefully *compare ourselves.*

This declaration of Christ’s is so different from the popular view among men! The world view is, Blessed are the rich, for theirs is the kingdom of the world.

1. Christ says "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven," which is better than being rich and better than all the kingdoms of the earth;

1Cor. 1:20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Who before Christ ever regarded the poor in spirit as the blessed or happy ones of the earth? And who but genuine Christians do so today?

1. Keynote/all His teaching is not what a man does only, but what he **is**in the sight of God. "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

There is pride in the poor as there is in the rich. Both the Poor and the Rich must be emptied out of self.

1. This poverty of spirit receives seed for the fruit of Love which is a spiritual grace wrought by the Holy Spirit in those whom He renews, restores and delivers. (Rom.5:5)

By nature we are well pleased with ourselves, and mad enough to think that we deserve something good at the hands of God. Only a miracle of God’s grace can change our heart. Of a rich in spirit attitude, proud, filling our hearts instead of emptying our hearts from self-righteousness.

Poverty of spirit is **not** found among the majority. We see advertised "promotions for the higher life," but who ever heard of one for furthering the *lowly* life?

Mat. 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

2Cor. 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

"filled with the Spirit" - “led by the Spirit” and be spiritually emptied of self—emptied of self-confidence, self-importance, and self-righteousness.

A deep sense of trust in Him not a insufficiency and nothingness.

Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

That which is of great price in His sight is despised by men—by modern Pharisees, who hold nearly all the positions of prominence in Christianity. Almost all of the so-called "ministry’s" of this generation feeds pride, instead of denying the flesh; puffs up, rather than abases; and frowns upon searching and stripping.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit." And *what is* poverty of spirit?

1. It is the opposite of pride, haughty, self-assertive and self-sufficient disposition which the world so admires and praises. It is the very reverse of that independent and defiant attitude which refuses to bow to God, which determines to brave things out, which says with Pharaoh, "Who is the Lord that I should obey His voice?" To be "poor in spirit" is to realize that I have nothing, am nothing, and can do nothing, and have need of all things.

Poverty of spirit is a consciousness of my emptiness and my nothingness. This only results from the Spirit’s work within, but He never leaves us empty but He Fills us with **His** **Love**.

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

It comes from the understanding that all my righteousnesses are as filthy rags. It follows the awakening that my best performances are unacceptable, yea, an abomination to the Lord.

Isaiah 64:6—*But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*

1. Poverty of spirit corresponds to the awakening of the prodigal in the far country, when he "began to be *in want.*"

Preached not only to their ears, but to their hearts!

Mat. 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

1. Poverty of spirit may be termed the negative side of faith. It is that realization of my utter worthlessness which precedes the laying hold of Christ, the eating of His flesh and drinking His blood. It is the Spirit emptying the heart of self that Christ may fill it: it is a sense of need and destitution.
2. This first Beatitude, then, is foundational, describing a fundamental trait which is found in every regenerate soul. The one who is poor in spirit is nothing in his own eyes, and feels that his proper place is under God. He may, through false teaching or worldliness, leave this place, but God knows how to bring him back; and in His faithfulness and love He will do so, for it is the place of blessing for His children. How to cultivate this God-honoring spirit is revealed in Matt 11:29
3. Poverty of spirit is "blessed." because he has a disposition the very opposite of what was by nature, He has the first sure evidence that a Divine work of grace has been wrought in his heart, because he is an heir of the "kingdom of heaven"—the kingdom of grace to glory.

Many gracious promises are addressed to the poor in spirit.

Isa 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. 6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

2Co 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God. 1Pe 4:10-15

Eph. 3:19—*And to know the* ***love*** *of Christ, which passeth* ***knowledge****, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. (Be emptied out for His Fullness)*

1. Let the Holy Ghost stir us up to pray earnestly for more of this poverty of spirit that we might have a good heart for the Love of God and Love for Truth.

More love joy peace longsuffering gentleness goodness faith meekness temperance